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Identical letters dated 9 April 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of Syria to the United Nations has continued to repeat its futile allegations against Jordan in a fruitless attempt to distract attention from its Government's actions against its own people. The Syrian Government has flouted its moral and legal obligation to protect civilians in Syria, ensure their safety and comply with the relevant Security Council resolutions and international humanitarian law.

Jordan will remain at the forefront of those States that have stood alongside the Syrian people during its acute humanitarian suffering. In accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, Jordan has facilitated the transit of humanitarian assistance across the Jordanian-Syrian border. It has hosted huge numbers of Syrian refugees who have fled the political and security situation caused in their country by the actions of the Syrian Government, which has seriously contravened human rights principles and international humanitarian law; committed systematic violations against its own people, in all its diverse components; facilitated the spread of terrorism and extremism; and besieged certain areas, denying access to humanitarian and medical assistance in an act of collective punishment against its own people.

Jordan will also continue to support efforts to find a political solution to the conflict in Syria that would end the bloodshed, realize a political transition consistent with the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people, bring back security and stability to Syria and its people, restore national unity, bring together all components of Syrian society and create an environment that would allow the country's refugees to return to their homes.

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Jordan therefore calls on the international community and, in particular, the Security Council, to bring pressure to bear on the Syrian Government to end its violations against civilians in Syria and comply with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015); the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189; and international humanitarian law and human rights principles. Jordan emphasizes that failure to decisively address the question of the Syrian Government's compliance with those resolutions would effectively help to create a hotbed for the spread of terrorism in Syria, with repercussions for the security and stability of the region and the world as a whole.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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